

## US admits electronic spying overstepped legal limits

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The National Security Agency spied on electronic communications between Americans in a program that was later scrapped after a judge ruled it illegal in 2011, US officials said Wednesday.

A senior official who spoke on condition of anonymity told reporters that the surveillance collection was "a result of a technological problem ...rather than any overreach by the NSA."

Officials said the government had decided to declassify rulings from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which reviews the legality of eavesdropping programs.

The court's opinions are usually top secret but the move to release the documents came amid a firestorm over revelations of sweeping surveillance operations, following bombshell disclosures from a former US intelli-

gence contractor, Edward Snowden

Officials said the court rulings had been declassified to better inform the public about how the eavesdropping programs are carried out, and that a mistake had occurred due to a technical problem and not an intentional invasion of privacy.

The documents released show "the strong nature of the oversight of this program," the senior official said.

Under the program addressed by the court, the NSA had diverted a massive trove of international data flowing through fiber-optic cables in the United States, purportedly to sift through foreign communications.

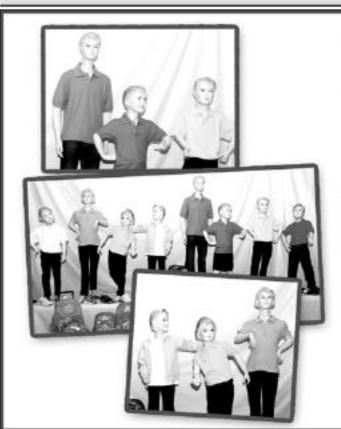
But the NSA proved unable to separate out emails between Americans, and the agency may have been collecting as many as 56,000 domestic communications every year, according to the Washington Post



CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's military on Wednesday ordered Hosni Mubarak to be placed under house arrest, as the former president appeared set for conditional release from prison in midtrial on murder and corruption charges, the government said.

"In the framework of the emergency law, the deputy military ruler ordered Mubarak to be placed under house arrest," a cabinet statement said.





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## Argentine Press impressed with Aruba





Just recently a Group of Argentine press was on a familiarization trip to Aruba to explore Aruba touristically. The group, consisting of 6 different media from four different Argentine cities, enabled Aruba to receive promotion from Cordoba, Mendoza, Rosario and Buenos Aires. The high season for traffic from the Argentine market is at the

beginning of the year. The total number of visitors from Argentina to visit Aruba from January to July 2013 was 9.645 which is 26.2% more compared to January to July 2012. The statistics show that 58.1% of Argentine visitors came to Aruba for the very first time and 17.9% were repeat visitors.

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beaches, restaurants and shopping.

During the visito f the Group they stayed at the Divi Village. They had an extensive program prepared by ATA's representative, Amaya Boekhoudt. Amaya accompanied them to all visits. Their program included a breakfast at Arikok National Park where they received information about te Park from Julio



Beaujon. They also experienced fine dining at the Papiamento Restaurant and
Pincho's Aruban nights were
also included with music at
the residence of Fernando La
Torrace and delightful
Aruban Keri-keri, carni
stoba, funchi and pan bati and
the quesillo for dessert

Also part of their unforgettable experience was a trip on the Catamaran offered by De Palm Tours. All of this enabled the group to experience a part of the magic of Aruba so they could transmit this information to their articles to be published in the coming months. This will certainly contribute to bringing more Argentine visitors to Aruba.

The circulation of each

Argentine newspaper is between 40.000 and 350.000 and covers regional as well as national areas of Argentina. "Los Andes" is a newspaper which circulates in the city of Mendoza. "La Voz del Interior" is in the city of Cordoba. "La Nacion" is one of the biggest papers in Argentina and covers the entire territory of Argentina. "la Capital" circulates Rosario. "Clarin" and "El Cronista" circulates in the capital of Buenos Aires.

The group was very impressed with Aruba and is aware that Aruba is very different from the other countries in the Caribbean... Aruba's big difference is her people!



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## Trop Casino celebrates Aruba's beautiful people



International pageant winners with Miss Teen Aruba



The three international pagaent winners.

Three of Aruba's most attractive residents have gone out in the world to compete in international pageants and returned with the crowns. Trop Casino, adjacent to the Tropicana Resort and home of Buster's Garage Sport Bar, was proud to honor their triumph over dozens of other candidates to take these titles.

The GLW Foundation, which conducts the Miss Teen Aruba Pageant, was proud to welcome back Sergio Winterdal and Karol Croes, who captured the titles of Mr. and Miss His-

panoamerica International at the pageant in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic Aruba's Paola de L'Isle was also crowned Miss Belleza Turismo Mundial, claiming the other top crown in this regional competition.

Aruba's representatives made a clean sweep of the top titles, and were recognized by SETAR NV, Aruba's national telecommunications company, Tropicana Resort and Trop Casino, as well as several other local vendors for this remarkable accomplishment. They were showered with gifts, delivered to them by the newly elected Miss Teen Aruba International, Cheysah Verstappen and her attendants.

THE MORNING NEWS extends their congratulations to Aruba's beautiful people, who have brought the island's name under a most attractive spotlight during this international event.

By Rosalie Klein

## Pointers to Ponder Tony A.D. Green www.people-self-development.com

### Four Jobs Everyone Should Try Sometime in Life

There are certain jobs that teach us lessons we could not learn without them. Most people have not had the opportunity of working at different jobs. Most of us found a job and have been doing that job for the longest time. But, there are specific lessons we need to learn to be better people; better fellowmen and these lessons can be easily learned from certain types of jobs. Here are four jobs everyone should try sometime in life:

A. Waiter

We have all been to a restaurant and have seen how waiters work. They keep very busy moving about and serving those seated at tables. In a busy restaurant the server or waiter is constantly on the go. If you've been to a restaurant with bad service, slow inattentive waiters, food comes out the wrong way you leave angry and don't tip the waiter. Have you ever thought that the problem may not have been the waiter's at all. Most important is what can we learn from the waiter's job?

For starters, a job as a waiter teaches us empathy. Empathy for the waiter and for people in general. You will learn patience. Some people do take forever to decide what they want off the menu.

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### Fatum becomes Guardian Group

New brand improves international position of Aruba's market leader



Photo depicts from L to R: Diego Fränkel Managing Director Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao GG, Larry Olton Group VP IMC GG, Steven Martina Regional Director GG and Jeff Mack **CEO Guardian Group** 

"The only constant is change. By nature we fear it, but we must welcome it and embrace it." This is the first message Dr. Steven Martina, CEO of Guardian Group (formerly known as Fatum), and managing director Diego Fränkel of Guardian Group Aruba, want to impart regarding the new brand name of the insurance company. With the name change, a familiar brand to the people of Aruba disappears from the island. But Aruba will receive something beautiful in return: an internationally strong brand that will put the insurer as well as the island on the map like never before, offering new possibilities to the insurance company both within and outside the Dutch Kingdom.

### Time for change

After being a solid name on the ABC islands for 107 years, it is time to focus on the future and meet new challenges. Time to strive for more international success. To achieve this, an internationally powerful name is

needed. With one vision, one mission, and one name - a strong brand that opens doors abroad - Guardian Group is ready for the future.

### International growth

The brand name Guardian Group is a well-known name in the Caribbean market and fits the new vision for the future. With this strong brand value, the insurance company formerly known as Fatum can grow easier on an international scale. A bigger opportunity than ever to grow is handed to the insurer, which it has grasped with both hands. A good example of this is seen in the Netherlands. Within three years the Dutch office has grown to a company with 50 employees and a solid position on the Dutch market.

### Good for Aruba

The name change however is not just an advantage for the insurance company. The island of Aruba also benefits. Guardian Group as a strong Caribbean player and well-known name in business circles, is of great added

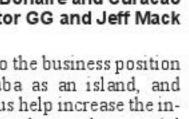
### Same values

Clients of Guardian Group will hardly notice the changes, apart from a few externals. Everything Aruba has grown used to regarding Fatum will stay the same. The organization and its morals and values, service, products, and all other customer-related matters on Aruba will not change. The reason behind the name change is, as stated before, to be able to realize the international aspirations within as well as outside the Dutch Kingdom.

### New direction

While the customers on Aruba can rely on the same way of doing business, the international market will welcome a new player. The name change will mark the start of a new path. We will move forward and it is thrilling, motivating, and inspiring.

value to the business position of Aruba as an island, and will thus help increase the international growth potential of our island

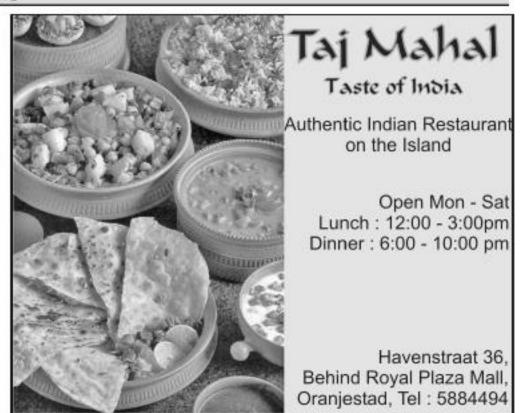


The government of Aruba has for some time been working on realizing plans for persons

with physical limitations. The goal is to get these persons involved in different sports to get them active and to motivate them. At the same time they are intent on improving the facilities and recources for members of our community who are, for example, blind or confined to wheel chairs.

On Tuesday, August 19th an interesting course was begun for all coaches interested in involving persons with a disability in sports on Aruba. One of the persons behind this initiative as a role model is Betto Maduro. Betto is well known for his participation in different activities.

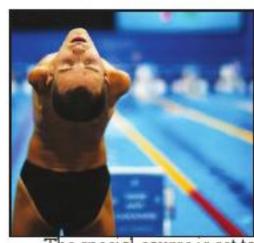
Shardea Croes, Ms. Bsc., CDSS, specialist in sport management, has invited all



### Introduction of Paralympics sports on Aruba



excercise teachers and sports coaches to include those in swimming, athletics, dance and football especially for those who are blind. Twenty persons responded to the invitation and registered for the course: "Paralympics Coaching," which will be conducted together with the Paralympics Sport Camp.



The special course is set to begin from Tuesday to Friday from 5:00 in the afternoon to 9:00 in the evening, and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm at the IBISA in San Nicolaas. Everyone with a disabilty is encouraged to register for the course and camp.

The government is convinced that the commission will be successful in their efforts to provide better services and facilities and more accessibility for everyone in our community.

Those with a disability are also entitled to equal opportunity to do physical activity.







## CMB Bank donates to SABA home for the elderly



L to R: Javier Wolter, Marita Tjou Tam Sin y Armin Solognier of CMB.

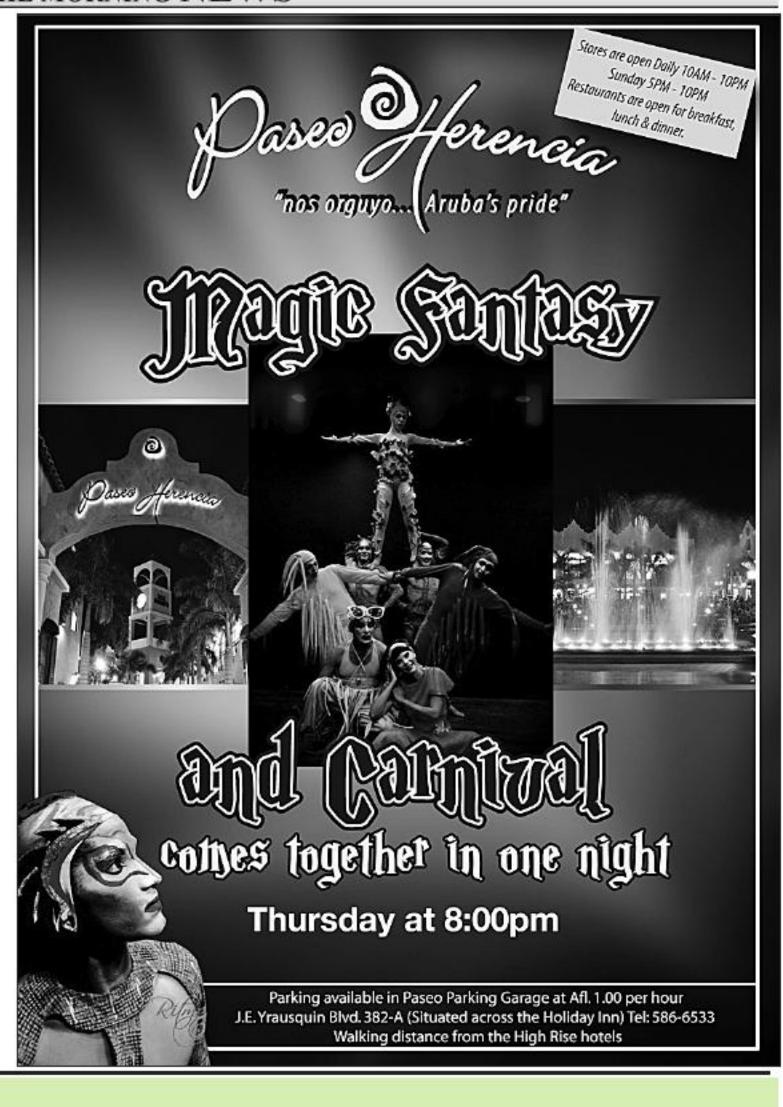
Recently, Caribbean Mercantile Bank General Director, Javier Wolter, presented SABA elderly home with a substantial donation of Afls. 10.000. Mrs. Marita Tjou Tam Sin of SABA Aloe Section accepted on behalf of the elderly care foundation.

The Aloe Section of SABA specializes in the care of senior citizens with Alzheimer's Disease. The department has a few installation projects in mind to

upgrade the quality of daily care for clients residing in their home.

According to Mr. Wolter, CMB together with the bank's volunteer group, will supervise the projects and construction work in order to finish this important work initiated by Mrs. Marita.

Photo depicts Mr. Javier Wolter with Mrs. Marita Tjou Tam Sin and CMB executive Armin Solognier.



### Pointers to Ponder...

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You also learn a lesson in courtesy and tactfulness.

No matter how rude a patron is, we are expected to be courteous and tactful. Couple years ago I did a consulting job for a hotel/restaurant and spent some time being host and waiter just so I could learn these lessons first hand. I learned a lot!

### B. Retail Sales Clerk

I can always tell if someone has worked as a retail clerk at one time.

People who haven't tend to treat sales clerks rudely or inferior to them. These people behave as though the sales clerk is responsible to help them get over their retail blues. People who have worked in retail have much

more patience with sales personnel and are also more respectful toward sales clerks.

There are two very important virtues to learn from the job of retail sales clerk. For one, you learn that because someone's job is to help you don't give you the right to be rude to them or to be disrespectful. Hence, patience and respect are the two main virtues to learn from this job. These virtues are important

for our success in life today...we need these lesson to know how to treat people right

### C. Customer Service

Customer service is the department we call when we need answers to a business situation or about a purchase made. Think of the times you called customer service of an airline, Telephone Company or some other enterprise. The chances are, you called them when you were angry or had some complaint. You took your frustration out on the person at the other end of the phone blaming them for whatever was your problem. Well, a job as a customer agent will teach you some good lessons. For one you will learn to be kind with your words and to be less crude in your attitude. You will think before you attack people for whatever does not satisfy you.

### D. Manual Labor

Manual labor is hard work. The hours are usually long and there is a lot of sweat and brawn required. You need to watch out for safety and pay attention to detail. People get tired easily doing manual labor especially because they often have to

work in hot sun conditions and sometimes even in the rain. People in Aruba often skip Mondays so they can stay home and chill out from their weekend sprees. What can we learn from manual labor?

Well, first and foremost, we learn the work ethic, that work, no matter what type, is necessary for a well-balanced society and that we must have a positive attitude to



work. That no matter how hard, work contributes to our overall welfare. We learn to appreciate what others do for a living and applaud them for their important contribution.

Now, are you ready to try these four jobs? They will teach you lessons you may need to learn now to be better citizens!

If this was helpful, let me know at tonygreen morningnews@hotmail.com

### British PM under pressure on Guardian computer smashing

LONDON (AFP) - British
Prime Minister David
Cameron on Wednesday
faced calls to address parliament on why the country's
top civil servant pressured the
Guardian newspaper to destroy or return Edward Snowden's leaked files.

The call from a senior lawmaker came as Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's spokesman said that asking the daily to comply was better than taking legal action over the documents leaked by the former US National Security Agency (NSA) contractor.

Britain meanwhile faced fresh international criticism over both the computer incident and the detention at the weekend of David Miranda, the boyfriend of Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald who worked with Snowden on the leaks.

Miranda's lawyers said their application for an injunction preventing authorities from copying and sharing data from electronic devices seized during his detention will be heard at the High Court on Thursday.

The left-liberal Guardian's editor Alan Rusbridger has claimed he was ordered to destroy some of the newspaper's classified Snowden files during a shadowy visit from a senior government official a month ago.

The government confirmed on Wednesday that the official sent to the Guardian was Cabinet Secretary Jeremy Heywood, a politically neutral civil servant who is Cameron's most senior policy advisor.

Keith Vaz, chairman of the British parliament's Home Affairs Select Committee scrutiny body, called on Cameron to make a "full statement" to the House of Commons when it returns in September.

## Manning comforted weeping lawyer after sentencing

FORT MEADE (AFP) - WikiLeaks source Bradley Manning kept his composure Wednesday when he was sentenced to 35 years and comforted his own legal team when they broke down in tears, his lawyer said.

David Coombs, the civilian who led Manning's team, said his client was stoic but he and other lawyers cried when they gathered in private soon after the judgment was read out.

"Myself and others were in tears, because this means a lot to us," Coombs said.

He said Manning looked at him and said: "It's OK. It's all right, don't worry about it. I know you did your best. It's OK. I'm gonna be OK. I'm gonna get through this."

Coombs added: "I'm in a position where my client is cheering me up. That should-n't happen, but he is a resilient young man. If nothing else, he is resilient, for sure."

Coombs's remarks came at a press conference near the Fort Meade military base where Manning was tried, convicted and finally sentenced.

The lawyer confirmed that next week he would begin the process of seeking a presidential pardon for the soldier President Barack Obama, Coombs said, should "at the very least commute his sentence to time served."

"This fight is not over. My representation of him at a court martial may end but my representation of him in ensuring that he one day, and one day very soon, walks out of Fort Leavenworth has only just begun," said Coombs of Manning.



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## Syria opposition says 1,300 dead in chemical attacks by army

BEIRUT (AFP) - Syria's main opposition group accused the government of "massacring" more than 1,300 people in chemical weapons attacks near Damascus on Wednesday, prompting demands for an immediate UN inquiry.

The accusation, which was strongly denied by Damascus, came as a team of UN inspectors was in Syria to probe previous allegations of chemical weapons strikes levelled against both sides during the 29-month conflict.

Western governments demanded immediate access for the inspectors to investigate the new allegations. Russia, a longstanding ally of the Damascus regime, echoed the call for an inquiry but said it suspected a "provocation" by the opposition and its foreign backers.

Videos distributed by activists, the authenticity of which could not immediately be verified, showed medics attending to suffocating children and hospitals being overwhelmed.

More footage showed dozens of people laid out on the ground, among them many children, some of them covered in white sheets.

The claim of chemical weapons use, which could not be independently confirmed, was vehemently denied by the Syrian regime, which said it was intended to hinder the work of the UN weapons inspectors already in the country.

### US VP Biden's son to leave hospital

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden's son will leave hospital Thursday after a "successful procedure" following a health scare last week, the White House said. Beau Biden, who was reportedly evaluated at a cancer center in Houston, Texas, had an episode of "disorientation" and

"weakness" while on vacation with his family.

The elder Biden cleared his schedule and flew to be with his

son as he underwent tests.

"Yesterday our son Beau underwent a successful procedure," said a statement Wednesday from the vice president and his wife Jill.

"He is in great shape and is going to be discharged tomorrow and (will head) home to Delaware. He will follow up with his local physicians in the coming weeks."

No further details were available on the condition of the 44year-old Delaware attorney general, who suffered a mild stroke three years ago.

It was not clear if his son's health scare would thwart Biden's plans to appear with President Barack Obama at a rally in his boyhood hometown of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Friday. Beau Biden was given a clean bill of health and had full motor and speech skills when he left hospital after his stroke in 2010.



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### International News

### Syria massacre



TOPSHOTS GRAPHIC CONTENT (AFP) -- A handout image released by the Syrian opposition's Shaam News Network shows bodies of children and adults laying on the ground as Syrian rebels claim they were killed in a toxic gas attack by pro-government forces in eastern Ghouta, on the outskirts of Damascus on August 21, 2013. The allegation of chemical weapons being used in the heavily-populated areas came on the second day of a mission to Syria by UN inspectors. It was promptly denied by the Syrian authorities

## Peruvian drug traffickers prey on young Europeans

LIMA (AFP) - The profile is often the same: European, often young and female, and facing hard economic choices. A perfect mark for Peruvian cocaine traffickers seeking couriers.

Peruvian authorities say this appears to be the case with two women, one British and one Irish, arrested 15 days ago at Lima airport with 11 kilos (24 pounds) of cocaine and en route to Spain.

They were indicted Tuesday night, and face up to 18 years in prison if convicted.

Often the couriers are Spaniards, perhaps because the economic situation there is so dire -- youth unemployment more than 50 percent -- and the lure of fast, easy drug money is hard to resist.

"Because of their needs, many unemployed women are easily taken in by drug trafficking rings," said Johnny Bravo, head of the anti-drug unit known as Dirandro at Lima airport. Colonel Tito Perez, overall director of Dirandro, said drug gangs tend to prefer attractive young women, although this is not always the case.

In Spain, traffickers offer people between 5,000 and 7,000 euros to bring drugs to that country, according to the Peruvian police.

In Peru they are known as "mulas" or mules. They come as tourists, and traffickers pay for their lodgings and return tickets so as to have them under their control, said a police source who requested anonymity.

At least 248 foreigners, 62 of them Spaniards, were arrested last year at Lima airport trying to smuggle drugs to the US, Europe or Asia, the Dirandro agency says.

Last year marked the first time that Spanish mules outnumbered Peruvian ones.

Peru and Colombia are among the world's largest producers of cocaine and its raw material, coca leaf.

### Quake rattles Mexico resort

ACAPULCO (AFP) - A strong earthquake and several aftershocks rattled southern Mexico on Wednesday, collapsing eight homes while forcing schools, hotels and hospitals to evacuate in the Pacific resort of Acapulco.

The 6.0-magnitude earthquake swayed buildings as far away as Mexico City, prompting evacuations, but authorities said no damage or injuries were reported in the megalopolis.

The temblor struck as people prepared to head to work and school, with its epicenter located 17 kilometers (10 miles) west of the town of San Marcos in the southern state of Guerrero, the National Seismology Center said.

The earthquake was followed by eight aftershocks, the strongest reaching 5.62-magnitude strength some 14 kilometers northeast of Acapulco, where hillside boulders rolled into a street and some hotel facades showed cracks while tourists poured into the streets.

Authorities reported damage at five hospitals and three schools but officials did not report injuries and Guerrero Governor Angel Aguirre said there were no fatalities. Classes were suspended and some 200 patients were evacuated from the hospitals.

Mexico City is 440 kilometers north of San Marcos, but the capital can sense distant earthquakes because it lies on muddy soil from drained lakes.

An 8.1-magnitude earthquake in 1985 left 3,700 people dead in the capital, according to official figures, though civil groups say more than 20,000 died.





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## Seven killed, oil pipeline bombed in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Attacks in Iraq killed seven people, damaged an oil pipeline and hit a Shiite shrine on Wednesday, as the country grapples with a months-long spike in violence.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has vowed to press operations to try to stem the bloodshed, which has claimed more than 3,500 lives already this year, but analysts say Iraq is not tackling the root causes of the unrest.

In the deadliest attack, gunmen broke into the house of a local anti-Al-Qaeda militia chief west of Baghdad, killing his son and cousin.

Sunni militants consider the Sahwa, a collection of Sunni tribal militias that joined forces with the United States and turned against Al-Qaeda from late 2006, to be traitors and frequently attack them.

Nine bombings in five different Iraqi cities -- in Baghdad and north of the capital -- also killed five people on Wednesday, including an army captain and two Kurdish peshmerga fighters, and damaged a local Shiite shrine, officials said

Meanwhile, Iraq's crude exports via Turkey were halted by three separate but apparently coordinated attacks targeting an oil pipeline in the northern provinces of Nineveh and Kirkuk.

Iraq relies on oil exports for the lion's share of its government income, and is seeking to dramatically ramp up its sales in the coming years to fund the reconstruction of its battered infrastructure.

Violence has surged this year to levels not seen since Iraq was emerging from a brutal Sunni-Shiite sectarian conflict in 2008.

Analysts and diplomats link the increased bloodshed to anger among Iraq's Sunni Arab minority over their alleged illtreatment at the hands of the Shiite-led authorities.

## Web users reward Palestinian who exposed Facebook flaw

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) Internet users have raised more
than \$11,000 to reward a
Palestinian security researcher
who hacked into Facebook
chief Mark Zuckerberg's profile to expose a security flaw

The fundraising campaign on the website GoFundMe raised \$11,035 from 178 people in one day for Khalil Shreateh, and was continuing to take donations after he was denied a "Facebook Bounty."

"I hope this has raised awareness of the importance of independent researchers," said Marc Maiffret, a security expert at the firm Beyond Trust who led the effort.

"I equally hope it has reminded other researchers that while working with technology companies can sometimes be frustrating, we can never forget the greater goal; to help the Internet community at large."

While Facebook offers rewards for those who find security holes, the company said Shreateh went too far by posting the information on Zuckerberg's own profile page without getting consent.

Shreateh said on his blog he found a way for a Facebook user to circumvent security and modify another's timeline, even if they were not friends on the network.

He said he took the unusual step of hacking into Zuckerberg's profile after being ignored by the Facebook security team.



### **Health & Living**

## HPV vaccine making a difference in infection rates

A new cervical cancer prevention vaccine, the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, has been available to the public since 2006.

Two cervical cancer vaccines

— Gardasil and Cervarix —
have Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval in the
United States. The vaccine
protects against the more dangerous strains of HPV virus
that causes almost all cervical
cancers.

Researchers have found that since the introduction of the HPV vaccine, infection rates have dropped by almost 50 percent.

Vaccines can help protect against the strains of genital HPV most likely to cause genital warts or cervical cancer.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted virus, infecting about 14 million people every year. In women, the HPV virus most commonly causes cervical cancer, in men it's more common to cause throat cancer.

More than 100 varieties of human papillomavirus (HPV) exist. Different types of HPV infection can cause warts on different parts of your body. For example, some types of HPV infection cause plantar warts on the feet, while other varieties of HPV infection are responsible for the warts that most commonly occur on the hands or face.

There are more than 40 different strains of HPV that specifically affect the genital area. Most HPV infections don't lead to cancer, but some types of genital HPV can cause cancer of the cervix the passage between the vagina and the uterus.

### Cervical cancer:

Most cases of cervical cancer are caused by two specific varieties of genital HPV. These two HPV strains usually don't cause warts, so women often don't realize they've been infected. Early stages of cervical cancer typically cause no signs or symptoms. That's why it's important for women to have regular Pap tests, which can detect precancerous changes in the cervix that may lead to cancer.

### Causes:

HPV infection occurs when the virus enters your body through a cut, abrasion or small tear in the outer layer of your skin. The virus is transferred primarily by skin-toskin contact.

Genital HPV infections are contracted through sexual intercourse, anal sex and other skin-to-skin contact in the genital region. Some HPV infections that result in oral or upper respiratory lesions are contracted through oral sex.

Rarely, a mother with an HPV infection may transmit the virus to her infant during delivery. This exposure may cause HPV infection in the baby's genitals or upper respiratory system.

### Risk Factors:

Number of sexual partners. The greater your number of sexual partners, the more likely you are to contract a genital HPV infection. Having sex with a partner who has had multiple sex partners also increases your risk.

Personal contact. Touching someone's warts or not wearing protection before contacting surfaces that have been exposed to HPV — such as public showers or swimming pools — may increase your risk of HPV infection.

### Complications:

Oral and upper respiratory lesions. Some HPV infections may cause lesions to form on your tongue, tonsils, soft palate, or within your larynx and nose.

Cancer. Most cases of cervical cancer are caused by two specific varieties of HPV. These two strains may also contribute to cancers of the genitals, anus, mouth and upper respiratory tract.

## Scientists find another fluvirus in Chinese chickens

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists studying the H7N9 bird flu virus that has killed more than 40 people since March said they had discovered another H7-type virus lurking in chickens in China. Dubbed H7N7, the virus was able to infect mammals in a lab experiment, said the team, warning H7 viruses "may pose threats beyond the current outbreak". "The continuing prevalence of H7 viruses in poultry could lead to the generation of highly pathogenic variants and further sporadic human infections," they wrote in the journal Nature. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), there have been 135 confirmed cases of people contracting H7N9 bird flu, of whom 44 died. All the cases were in China, except for one in Taiwan. Earlier this month, Chinese scientists reported the first likely case of direct person-to-person transmission, but stressed the H7N9 virus, which jumps from birds to people, was not yet able to spread easily between humans. The new work points to yet another viral threat. H7N7 spreads easily in birds. It caused one human death and more than 80 cases of mild disease in the Netherlands in 2003. Strains of the H5, H7 and H9 avian influenza subtypes have caused human infections, mainly following direct contact with infected poultry. None of the strains have mutated to become easily transmissible from person to person -- the epidemiologist's nightmare.



### Sci-Tech

### Venezuela to install 30,000 cameras to combat crime



CARACAS (AFP) Venezuela is installing 30,000
surveillance cameras to crack
down on rampant crime, officials said Wednesday.

Most of the Chinese-made equipment will be put up in the capital Caracas. Some is already in place in a municipality within the Caracas metropolitan area as part of a pilot program.

"The goal is the installation of 30,000 security cameras nationwide, as well as other types of sensors that allow the collection of information in real time," Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez told reporters.

Venezuela is considered the most violent country in South America, with 16,000 murders recorded there last year. During the first quarter of this year, the figure stood at 3,400, according to official statistics.

The equipment, manufactured by Chinese company CEIEC, will be delivered to Venezuela under cooperation agreements agreed by Caracas and Beijing.

The information picked up by the devices will be made available to police for use in crime probes.

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### Facebook chief in bid to widen global Internet access

WASHINGTON (AFP) Facebook founder Mark
Zuckerberg unveiled a campaign Wednesday with global
technology giants to connect
billions of people worldwide
who lack access to the Internet

The project is entitled Internet org and its goal is to extend Internet access to five billion people by cutting the cost of smartphone-based Internet services in developing countries.

"There is no guarantee that most people will ever have access to the Internet. It isn't going to happen by itself," Zuckerberg, the 29-year-old billionaire founder of the popular social network said in a statement.

Other partners in the project are Finland-based Nokia, Sweden's Ericsson, Samsung of South Korea, US-based Qualcomm, MediaTek of Taiwan and Norway's Opera. USbased social networks Twitter and LinkedIn are also due to sign up.

Today some 2.7 billion people, just over a third of the world's population, have access to the Internet, and the number of new users is growing only slowly each year, organizers said.

"The goal of Internet org is to make Internet access available to the two-thirds of the world who are not yet connected, and to bring the same opportunities to everyone that the connected third of the world has today," they said in a statement.

The seven founding partners are going to develop joint projects, share knowledge and mobilize governments and industry to bring the world online.

Specifically, they want to

simplify mobile apps to make them more efficient and improve telephone components and networks so they perform better while consuming less energy.

They also want to develop lower-cost, higher-quality smartphones and partnerships to more broadly deploy Internet access in underserved communities.

Zuckerberg insisted in an interview with CNN that the project was not simply aimed at generating more customers.

The partnership resembles one launched by Facebook in 2011 called Open Compute Project, which aims to improve the materials used in call centers and make them less energy-hungry.

That project was originally met with skepticism but has gradually won over the major players in the computer industry.

The latest plan marks an expansion in Zuckerberg's interest in public policy, months after he launched the advocacy group Fwd us to lobby for US immigration and education reform along with support for scientific research.

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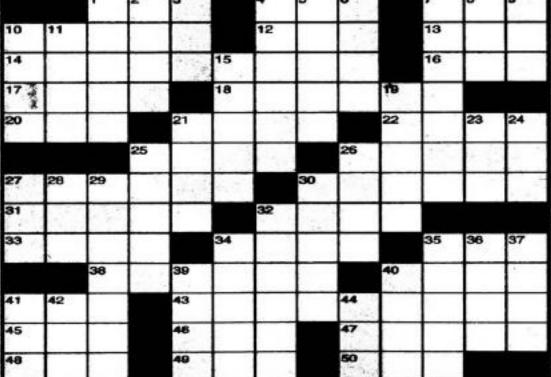
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### Al-Jazeera sues AT&T for dropping US channel

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Al-Jazeera has lodged a suit against US communications giant AT&T for dropping the broadcast of its new Al-Jazeera America news channel on the day it launched.

AT&T's move affects some five million US households, a significant hit for Al-Jazeera America, which had said some 40 million homes were expected to have the channel available.

"Unfortunately AT&T's decision to unilaterally delete Al-Jazeera America presented us with circumstances that were untenable -- an affiliate that has willfully and knowingly breached its contractual obligations," a statement from Al-Jazeera America said late Tuesday.

AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel said Al-Jazeera had breached its obligations and that the company's U-verse television systems would not carry the channel, despite previously carrying Current TV, which was bought out by Al-Jazeera.

"As a result of our inability to come to terms on a new agreement and due to certain

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breaches by Al-Jazeera of the existing agreement we have decided not to carry Current TV on U-verse," Siegel said in a prepared statement.

The channel, operated by the Qatari media group behind the Middle East's biggest satellite broadcaster, went live on Tuesday

The launch was accompanied by a big promotional push, and it pledged to outdo its rivals with serious, in-depth journalism.

Americans will be able to see 14 hours of news, documentary and discussion programming tailored to the US market daily, and updates at the top of every hour 24 hours each day.

It is likely to face a tough sell to US audiences because of its history in the Middle East, where it was the outlet for videos distributed by Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden.

Some in America regard Al-Jazeera's output as anti-Western

### **FINANCE**

## Oil prices drop on continued US Fed taper talk

NEW YORK CITY (AFP)
- Oil prices Wednesday retreated for a third straight day as global markets fixated on the timing for the Federal Reserve to scale back its stimulus program.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for October delivery dropped \$1.26 to \$103.85 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

European benchmark Brent oil futures for October delivery fell 34 cents to \$109.81 per barrel.

The Fed Wednesday released minutes from its last monetary policy meeting. The oil market has been closely following the Fed's debate on when to scale back its \$85 a month bond buying program.

One concern is that the shift

will hit oil demand in key emerging economies like India, where the rupee has fallen sharply against the dollar in recent weeks.

More generally, a strong dollar undermines oil prices because crude is traded in dollars and becomes more costly in non-dollar economies when the dollar rises.

Wednesday's minutes of the July 30-31 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) showed central bankers sharply divided on when to scale back the program in light of contrasting views of the strength of the US economic recovery.

"The Fed minutes were sort of in line with expectations," said Andy Lebow, vice president at Jefferies Bache in New York.

Analysts said the weekly US oil inventory report did not significantly affect the market. The report said US oil inventories dropped 1.4 million barrels compared with the 1.3 million expected in a Dow Jones Newswires survey.

Wednesday's decline in prices came despite some fresh signs of supply outages. Libya's National Oil Company declared force majeure at its main export terminals following labor disputes, while an oil pipeline in Iraq was damaged due to coordinated attacks amid sectarian conflict.

The international disruptions "ultimately may lead support to the overall crude market," Lebow said.

## Timing of cutback to Fed stimulus still unclear

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The timing of the Federal Reserve's plan to reduce its stimulus program remained unclear Wednesday after minutes of its last policy meeting showed divisions over the strength of economic growth.

With turmoil sweeping markets in emerging economies over the prospect of tighter supplies of the US dollar, the minutes confirmed the Fed's intention to begin pulling back on its \$85 billion a month bond purchases.

But differences between members of the policy-making Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) over the strength of US economic growth raised doubts over whether the pullback would begin as early as next month.

Some policy-makers at the July 30-31 FOMC meeting believed that "it might soon be time to slow somewhat the pace" of the bond purchases, aimed at holding interest rates down, according to the minutes

Yet others in the group emphasized "the importance of being patient", revealing concerns about whether the economy will pick up pace as expected in the second half of this year, the minutes showed.

Even so, together the Fed's policy-makers agreed at the meeting to reiterate their commitment to reeling in the stimulus in the coming months, a message that has driven up interest rates and exacerbated capital flight from countries like India, Turkey and Indonesia already facing sharp economic slowdowns.

After the FOMC's June meeting, Fed chief Ben Bernanke announced that they expected to begin cutting the bond purchases sometime late this year and wind up the program in total by mid-2014, as long as the economy kept improving.

That timeline was left in place after the July FOMC meeting.

But the minutes to the meeting revealed an ongoing tentativeness about that commitment, rooted in a divergence of opinions on how strong economic growth is

The 12 FOMC voting members and five alternates were "generally" confident in forecasts that the economy would pick up speed later this year and accelerate in 2014.

But "a number" were worned that government spending cuts could hold back growth, and that higher interest rates -from market expectations that tighter money conditions are indeed nigh -- will dampen the rebound in the housing industry.

Moreover, some questioned what the recent fall in the unemployment rate said about the strength of the jobs market.



COLON (AFP) - : View of the ship carrying four new gates for the Panama Canal, heading to the port of Colon, 90 km west of Panama City, on August 20, 2013. The new locks will allow the passage of freighters with a cargo capacity of up to 12,000 containers.

### Exclusive interview with Oprah Winfrey by The Morning News Hollywood Correspondent Noel de Souza

The amazing true story of Cecil Gaines and his tenure as butler in the White House Cecil Gaines serving under eight presidents, provides a unique view of the changes that swept America from the war in Vietnam to the Civil Rights Movement. His story parallels the changes in society with those of his own life.

This sweeping tale has been brought to the screen, starring Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines and Oprah Winfrey as his wife. "The Butler," took the top spot in the box office this past weekend in the U.S., and comes to Aruban theaters tomorrow, August 22.

THE MORNING NEWS'
Special Correspondent to Hollywood, Noel de Souza, caught
up with Winfrey, a pop culture
icon and one of the smartest
businesswomen in Hollywood
for an exclusive interview on
her recent foray to the silver
screen, after quite a few years

"It's been fifteen years since Oprah acted in a film," states de Souza, "I wondered why as I sat down to talk with her," which was the first question he put to the megastar of TV and media.

OW: The reason that I had put my acting life on hold is because my daily job, and the work and time it required to put into the Oprah show. I was never able to find a producer, and rightfully so, who could fit my schedule. And I had commitments.

Even when this film was offered to me it could not have been at a worse time, as I was going through all the headaches of creating a network, and being flamed in the press. I was trying to put a team together to make it work. So, literally, I would go shoot a scene and then go do an interview. I would shoot a scene and get on the phone with my team about the network. I was trying to do both at the same time. It's just the way my life has worked out when I choose something, I have to choose in such a way that it's going to fill me up to do it and not drain me. I only want to choose work that I think is going to be meaningful, and have an impact on culture, because I have a limited amount of time to do it. This is why you have seen me in so few things, and the things that you have seen me in are pointedly meaningful for the African-American experience.

NDS WHAT WAS IT LIKE FOR YOU TO START ACT-ING AGAIN?

OW: I was anxious and scared I was afraid, but not



afraid in terms of fearful. I wasn't sure that I still had it, that thing that would allow me to go before a national audience. The director who had encouraged me to get back into acting by telling me that I need to bring out my instrument and act again, told me to call Susan Batson, who is a well known coach to a lot of people; she's worked with Nichole Kidman. I called and she took my call, and I say that because I have people who don't take my calls, she took my call and came to see me. I told her that I had a big problem crying, and there was going to be a lot of crying in this scene, which I wasn't sure I could execute. I didn't know if I had the technical skill to do that on cue, so she sat with me for twenty minutes, and I was bawling on the sofa. Then I said to her, I am going to need a confidentiality agreement for everything I just told you. She said to me, "You still have the vulnerable space. I am so surprised Oprah," she saidher own words exactly. "You are still so vulnerable and so open, and that's a good thing, because you can go into that space and find the character."

NDS: IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU WHY THEY SHOULD SEE THIS FILM, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

OW: I think the reason to go see this film-all my work my whole life is about opening the heart space for people. That's what I did for twenty-five years of the Oprah show. My real role on the planet I think is to be that voice that helps connect people to stories, so that they can see their own lives through the stories. So when I read the script I felt connected, and that has been my key for over the

years, if it moves me, I know at least another million people will be moved. Why? Because my heart is just like everyone else's. I understand the commonality and the human experience. So the reason I want people to see this is the space inside ourselves, which allows us to see African-American people as real people, as family with tenderness and love and connection, and faith and nurturing and support. I want people to see that and understand history.

NDS: WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER WHEN YOU ARE INTERVIEWING SOMEONE, YOUR TECHNIQUE?

OW: What I was doing during all those years of interviewing and still do as an interviewer, is to try to remove myself and really surrender to wherever that person is. Just recently I interviewed Lindsay Lohan And I do this for all important interviews, before I start an interview, I ask the person off camera, tell me what your intention is, because I am the person who can fulfill that intention. I don't want you to walk away from the interview saying what you should have said, and you didn't ask me this and what I really wanted, so if I really know what you want, I can best help you get it. I do that for all important interviews and then I sort of step back and try to meet them where they are. I normally don't go in with an agenda. I go in just trying to find wherever that person is most willing to be, to have the thread of truth for themselves.

NDS: HOW COULD YOU RELATE TO 'THE BUTLER', AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE STORY?

I'm sure that you know my mother was a maid and her mother was a maid. When I was growing up, my grandmother used to say to me, my grandmother's biggest hope for me was that I would be able to be a maid in a house with white people who treated me well. She always said to me, "I hope you grow up and get some good white folks." Because that's all she could imagine for herself So my mother was a maid, her mother was a maid, her mother was a slave. So I feel that I have sort of stood on the shoulders of domestic workers. My father is a barber, so for him to be able to have his own shop and have his own business was a major thing, and it was a step up into middle class from poverty. I wouldn't be here today talking to you and be so blessed with the life that I have if not for the domestic workers in my own family. So I positively can relate to the story.

NDS: MOST GIRLS
WHEN THEY ARE GROWING UP DREAM OF GETTING MARRIED, AND
RAISING A FAMILY WHAT
DID YOU DREAM OF
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OW: First let me tell you that I was blessed to have to be born in 1954, the year Brown VS Brown, of education here in America because I didn't have to live that life of repressing who I really am. I could never be a stay at home house wrfe, something that never even occurred to me. There were girls who I knew who would heart themselves and put the name of who their husband was going to be and think about their kids. I never thought that, I always thought that I was going to

somehow be able to speak to the world. I didn't know if I was going to be a preacher with my own church, or I was going to be a teacher or something like that, just the idea of being a stay at home wife never even occurred to me.

NDS: WHAT MOTIVATED YOU?

I would say faith. Growing up, the first thing I learned to read were bible stories, and because of reading those stories I was able to understand that there was a world that was bigger literally than my back yard and the red clay of Mississippi. Something inside of me believed that I would be able to see it one day, and I have to say that it's a spiritual connection to something bigger than myself, that thing that you have that's intuition.

NDS: LET'S TALK ABOUT CLOTHES AND SHOES, HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?

OW: Shoes, I can honestly tell you that I don't know, I really don't know how many I have. There's too many of them, and when I was doing the Oprah Winfrey Show, I tried to not repeat clothes. I had a closet full of shoes, and I have since given most of them away, cause I was wearing a size ten and then I realized I am really a size eleven, that's why my feet always hurt. I can honestly tell you at this point, I really don't know, but I am redoing my home in Santa Barbara, and I have a whole wall just for shoes. But have I ever counted? No I haven't.

NDS: YOU WENT TO INDIA LAST YEAR, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE LIKE FOR YOU AND WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

OW: The opportunity to go to India was part of fulfilling a bigger idea that I had about wanting to see the world. I would have to say that it was a mind opening, soul opening and a heart opening experience, as I experienced everything from the very first day that I arrived. I kept imagining how this world would be seen through the eyes of our viewers, the common thread in the human experience is our shared humanity. We are really all searching for the same thing though we call it by different names. We Call God by different names. We call our family traditions by different names, we eat different foods, we live in different spaces, but ultimately we are all looking for the same thing, we're all looking for a little peace here on earth.

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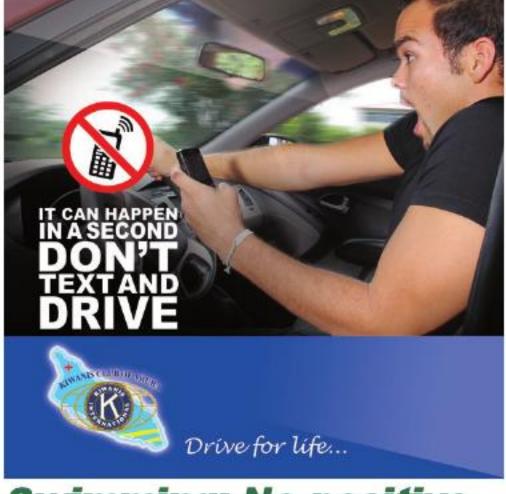
one of the players who led his national team to get the World Cup 1970.

Carlos Alberto began in the Fluminense at the age of 19,

Football: Chelsea win again,

then moved to Santos where he became a teammate of Pele. Its most striking feature was the offensive side of being a great power and ability, always pushing his team

He scored 8 goals in the 53 games he played for his national team. The most memorable goal by Carlos Alberto is the one scored against Italy in the final of the 1970 World Cup, also is one of the best goals scored in the history of world cups. He was also nominated by Pelé to be among the 125 most famous footballers in March 2004.



### Swimming: No positive dope tests at Swimming worlds - Fina



LAUSANNE (AFP) - The International Swimming Federation (Fina) confirmed Wednesday there had been no positive doping tests at the World Championships in Barcelona earlier this month

During the competition, 378 urine samples, including 69 tested for banned bloodbooster EPO, and 84 blood samples were taken.

Before the competition 358 samples were taken to test against biological passports that Fina had put in place before the Olympics in London last year.

A total of 2,195 competitors took part at the championships that included diving, water polo, synchronised swimming and open water events.



overcame obdurate opposition from Aston Villa to secure a hard-fought 2-1 win at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday that maintained their early momentum in the fledgling Premier League season.

Breezy 2-0 victors over Hull City in their opening game on Sunday, Chelsea had to dig much deeper against Paul Lambert's side but eventually prevailed through a header from Branislav Ivanovic with 17 minutes to play.

As against Hull, Chelsea had taken an early lead, this time through an own goal from Antonio Luna, but Villa refused to surrender and claimed an equaliser on the stroke of half-time when Christian Benteke lashed home.

Victory in an occasionally ill-tempered game, brought forward due to Chelsea's involvement in the UEFA Super Cup on August 30, will give Jose Mourinho enhanced belief that his side are ready for the battle sure to await them at



Manchester United on Mon-

Villa manager Lambert could take solace from the doggedness of his side's display, four days on from their impressive 3-1 win at Arsenal and eight months after a humiliating 8-0 defeat on the same pitch.

However, he was furious that Ivanovic went unpunished for an alleged elbow on Benteke and that Chelsea skipper John Terry was not penalised for an apparent handball in stoppage time.

Mourinho made changes to the team that beat Hull, introducing Demba Ba and Juan Mata in place of Kevin De Bruyne and Fernando Torres, while Ciaran Clark replaced the injured Nathan Baker at centre-back for Villa.

The volume inside the stadium rose as the intensity of the on-pitch challenges increased and the noise reached a crescendo in the 73rd minute when Ivanovic met Lampard's deep free-kick with a bullet header to put Chelsea ahead.



-- Atlanta Braves right fielder Jason Heyward left Wednesday's game against the New York Mets in the top of the sixth inning after he was hit in the head by a pitch from Jonathon Niese. The pitch did not look intentional, and both Mets catcher John Buck and home plate umpire Greg Gibson immediately attended to Heyward as he fell down. Braves won 4-1.



## Baseball: MLB says Tejada not linked to doping scandal

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) Miguel Tejada, the Kansas
City infielder suspended for
105 games last week after testing positive for amphetamines,
was not involved in the Biogenesis doping scandal, Major
League Baseball said Wednesday.

An ESPN report Tuesday said Tejada was involved in the Miami clinic that was linked to doping along with a host of players in the biggest performance-enhancing drugs scandal to hit the sport, but a statement by Major League Baseball denied the claim.

"The Office of the Commissioner investigated all allegations regarding players

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associated with Anthony Bosch and Biogenesis," the statement said. "The investigation found no violation by Miguel Tejada of the Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program."

Tejada, whose positive test was his third for amphetamines, said he had a therapeutic use exemption that expired in April.

Tejada, 39, was the American League's Most Valuable Player in 2002 and this season was batting .288 with three home runs and 20 runs batted in over 53 games for the Royals.

## Football: Neymar rescues Barca as injured Messi limps off



MADRID (AFP) - Neymar scored his first goal for Barcelona as the Catalans were held 1-1 by Atletico Madrid in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup, but there was another injury worry for Lionel Messi as he was forced off at half-time. (Barcelona's Brazilian forward Neymar da Silva Santos (R) heads the ball to score past Atletico Madrid's midfielder Juanfran during the Spanish Super Cup first leg football match Atletico Madrid vs Barcelona at Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid)

### **MLB Standings**

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WASHINGTON	61	64	.488	15.5
NY METS	58	67	.464	18.5
PHILADELPHIA	55	70	.440	21.5
MIAMI	48	76	.387	28.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
PITTSBURGH	77	51	.592	
ST. LOUIS	73	53	.579	1.5
CINCINNATI	71	55	.563	3.5
CHICAGO	55	72	.433	20.0
MILWAUKEE	54	71	.432	20.0
West	w	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	73	52	.584	
ARIZONA	65	59	.524	7.5
COLORADO	59	68	.465	15.0
SAN FRANCISCO	56	69	.448	17.0
SAN DIEGO	56	70	.444	17.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

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SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Team New Zealand swept two races against Luna Rossa on Wednesday, seizing a 4-1 lead over the Italian boat in quest of a berth in next month's America's Cup. The Kiwi vessel took a commanding lead in the best-of-13 Louis Vuitton Cup challenger races to determine an opponent for American defenders Oracle. In a series nagged by one-boat races and mechanical failures plus the May death of a crewman for an already eliminated Swedish challenger during training, the twin bill provided as much excitement as any session so far on San Francisco Bay. Team New Zealand won the first race by 2 minutes and 17 seconds and captured the second by 1:28. New Zealand won the opener over the same layout in 25:37.5.

# Golf: Tiger takes aim at third US PGA playoff crown



JERSEY CITY (AFP) - World number one Tiger Woods launches his bid for a third US PGA playoff title and the \$10 million bonus that comes with it, starting Thursday at The Barclays.

Woods has five triumphs this season and tops the money list, once the ultimate sign of season success on the US circuit, with \$7.6 million.

While it has not included a major victory, the season has been a solid one for the 14-time major champion, including wins at the World Golf Championship events at Doral and Firestone plus PGA events at Torrey Pines and Bay Hill and the Players Championship.

Woods won the inaugural 2007 playoff crown and took the title again in 2009 after missing the 2008 playoffs with a knee injury.

Woods tees off Thursday morning alongside his two nearest rivals in playoff points, fellow Americans Matt Kuchar and Brandt Snedeker with British Open winner Phil Mickelson in fourth making an afternoon start.

Under the playoff format, the top 125 players in season points will begin play this week at Liberty National in the first of four consecutive \$8 million tournaments.

The top 100 players will ad-

vance to next week's Deutsche Bank Championship near Boston with the top 60 after that event reaching the BMW Championship near Chicago in three weeks.

The top 30 after that advance to the Tour Championship near Atlanta September 19-22 where a playoff champion will be crowned. Any player among the top five in points entering the final event will win the crown by winning the title.

That could allow for a player with plenty of points, such as Woods, to skip an event and still be in the hunt for the title. Woods said he had a light practice Wednesday due to a sore back

Woods has 79 career US PGA titles, three shy of Sam Snead's all-time record, but not since taking his 14th major crown at the 2008 US Open has Woods closed the gap on the all-time record of 18 majors held by Jack Nicklaus.

"I'm second on both all-time lists. That's not bad at my age," said Woods, who turns 38 in December. "Both of those guys took a lot longer to do it than I have."

Asked about his chances of topping both lists by the end of his career, Woods said, "As long as I keep winning in all those years, it's not too bad."

"I never thought I would get here this quick," Woods said. "Winning five or more tournaments for 10 (different) years, that's one of those stats I'm most proud of and this is one of those years."

Woods, who has never won the Barclays in seven tries, said he does not consider himself a huge favorite for Player of the Year honors from his fellow players.



Game 1 ..... AWG 750
Game 2 ..... AWG 750

Game 3 ......AWG 750

Game 4 ......AWG 750

Game 5 ......AWG 750

Game 6 ......AWG 1500

Game 7 ......AWG 1500

Game 8 ......AWG 1500

Game 9 ......AWG 2500

Game 10..... Progresive from 51 to 54 calls AWG 1.000,- at 55 or more calls AWG 500,-

Game 11 .....AWG 10.000

## **Tennis:** Querrey hits 19 aces to reach ATP last eight

WINSTON-SALEM (AFP) -Sam Querrey stepped up his rivalry with countryman John Isner on Wednesday, the 29thranked American blasting 19 aces in reaching the quarter-finals of the ATP Winston-Salem Open.

Sixth seed Querrey beat

11th seed Jarkko Nieminen 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (12/10) a day after the 40th-ranked Finn had advanced when American Mardy Fish could not continue due to heat stroke.

Home-state hero Isner and Querrey have long been friendly rivals, with both standing over two meters tall and relying on huge serving games.

Isner was the top seed and two-time defending champion at Winston-Salem but he and third seed Tomas Berdych withdrew, citing injury concerns a week ahead of the start of the US Open.

